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Asbestos (04)	Insurance coverage (18)	✓ Mass tort (40)
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Medical malpractice (45)	Eminent domain/Inverse	Insurance coverage claims arising from the
Other PI/PD/WD (23)	condemnation (14)	above listed provisionally complex case
Non-PI/PD/WD (Other) Tort	Wrongful eviction (33)	types (41)
Business tort/unfair business practice (07	Other real property (26)	Enforcement of Judgment
Civil rights (08)	Unlawful Detainer	Enforcement of judgment (20)
Defamation (13)	Commercial (31)	Miscellaneous Civil Complaint
Fraud (16)	Residential (32)	RICO (27)
Intellectual property (19)	Drugs (38)	Other complaint (not specified above) (42)
Professional negligence (25)	Judicial Review Asset forfeiture (05)	Miscellaneous Civil Petition
Other non-PI/PD/WD tort (35) Employment	Petition re: arbitration award (11)	Partnership and corporate governance (21)
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#### INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO COMPLETE THE COVER SHEET

To Plaintiffs and Others Filing First Papers. If you are filing a first paper (for example, a complaint) in a civil case, you must complete and file, along with your first paper, the Civil Case Cover Sheet contained on page 1. This information will be used to compile statistics about the types and numbers of cases filed. You must complete items 1 through 6 on the sheet. In item 1, you must check one box for the case type that best describes the case. If the case fits both a general and a more specific type of case listed in item 1. check the more specific one. If the case has multiple causes of action, check the box that best indicates the primary cause of action. To assist you in completing the sheet, examples of the cases that belong under each case type in item 1 are provided below. A cover sheet must be filed only with your initial paper. Failure to file a cover sheet with the first paper filed in a civil case may subject a party, its counsel, or both to sanctions under rules 2.30 and 3.220 of the California Rules of Court.

To Parties in Rule 3.740 Collections Cases. A "collections case" under rule 3.740 is defined as an action for recovery of money owed in a sum stated to be certain that is not more than \$25,000, exclusive of interest and attorney's fees, arising from a transaction in which property, services, or money was acquired on credit. A collections case does not include an action seeking the following: (1) tort damages, (2) punitive damages, (3) recovery of real property, (4) recovery of personal property, or (5) a prejudgment writ of attachment. The identification of a case as a rule 3.740 collections case on this form means that it will be exempt from the general time-for-service requirements and case management rules, unless a defendant files a responsive pleading. A rule 3.740 collections case will be subject to the requirements for service and obtaining a judgment in rule 3.740.

To Parties in Complex Cases. In complex cases only, parties must also use the Civil Case Cover Sheet to designate whether the case is complex. If a plaintiff believes the case is complex under rule 3.400 of the California Rules of Court, this must be indicated by completing the appropriate boxes in items 1 and 2. If a plaintiff designates a case as complex, the cover sheet must be served with the complaint on all parties to the action. A defendant may file and serve no later than the time of its first appearance a joinder in the plaintiff's designation, a counter-designation that the case is not complex, or, if the plaintiff has made no designation, a designation that the case is complex.

#### **Auto Tort**

Auto (22)-Personal Injury/Property Damage/Wrongful Death Uninsured Motorist (46) (if the case involves an uninsured motorist claim subject to arbitration, check this item instead of Auto)

# Other PI/PD/WD (Personal Injury/ Property Damage/Wrongful Death)

Asbestos (04) Asbestos Property Damage Asbestos Personal Injury/ Wrongful Death Product Liability (not asbestos or toxic/environmental) (24) Medical Malpractice (45) Medical Malpractice-Physicians & Surgeons Other Professional Health Care Malpractice Other PI/PD/WD (23) Premises Liability (e.g., slip

and fall) Intentional Bodily Injury/PD/WD (e.g., assault, vandalism)

Intentional Infliction of **Emotional Distress** Negligent Infliction of **Emotional Distress** 

Other PI/PD/WD

#### Non-PI/PD/WD (Other) Tort

Business Tort/Unfair Business Practice (07) Civil Rights (e.g., discrimination, false arrest) (not civil harassment) (08) Defamation (e.g., slander, libel) (13)Fraud (16) Intellectual Property (19)

Professional Negligence (25) Legal Malpractice Other Professional Malpractice

(not medical or legal) Other Non-PI/PD/WD Tort (35)

**Employment** 

Wrongful Termination (36) Other Employment (15)

#### **CASE TYPES AND EXAMPLES**

#### Contract

Breach of Contract/Warranty (06) Breach of Rental/Lease Contract (not unlawful detainer or wrongful eviction) Contract/Warranty Breach-Seller Plaintiff (not fraud or negligence) Negligent Breach of Contract/

Warranty Other Breach of Contract/Warranty Collections (e.g., money owed, open book accounts) (09)

Collection Case-Seller Plaintiff Other Promissory Note/Collections Case

Insurance Coverage (not provisionally complex) (18) Auto Subrogation

Other Coverage Other Contract (37) Contractual Fraud

Other Contract Dispute **Real Property** 

Eminent Domain/Inverse Condemnation (14)

Wrongful Eviction (33)

Other Real Property (e.g., quiet title) (26) Writ of Possession of Real Property Mortgage Foreclosure

> Quiet Title Other Real Property (not eminent

domain, landlord/tenant, or foreclosure)

#### Unlawful Detainer

Commercial (31) Residential (32)

Drugs (38) (if the case involves illegal drugs, check this item; otherwise, report as Commercial or Residential)

**Judicial Review** 

Asset Forfeiture (05) Petition Re: Arbitration Award (11)

Writ of Mandate (02)
Writ–Administrative Mandamus Writ-Mandamus on Limited Court

> Case Matter Writ-Other Limited Court Case

Review Other Judicial Review (39) Review of Health Officer Order Notice of Appeal-Labor

Provisionally Complex Civil Litigation (Cal. Rules of Court Rules 3.400-3.403)

> Antitrust/Trade Regulation (03) Construction Defect (10) Claims Involving Mass Tort (40) Securities Litigation (28) Environmental/Toxic Tort (30) Insurance Coverage Claims

(arising from provisionally complex case type listed above) (41)

**Enforcement of Judgment** 

Enforcement of Judgment (20) Abstract of Judgment (Out of County)

Confession of Judgment (nondomestic relations) Sister State Judgment Administrative Agency Award (not unpaid taxes) Petition/Certification of Entry of Judgment on Unpaid Taxes

Other Enforcement of Judgment

## Miscellaneous Civil Complaint

**RICO (27)** Other Complaint (not specified above) (42)

Declaratory Relief Only Injunctive Relief Only (nonharassment)

Mechanics Lien

Other Commercial Complaint Case (non-tort/non-complex)

Other Civil Complaint (non-tort/non-complex)

#### Miscellaneous Civil Petition Partnership and Corporate

Governance (21) Other Petition (not specified

above) (43) Civil Harassment Workplace Violence Elder/Dependent Adult Abuse

**Election Contest** Petition for Name Change Petition for Relief From Late

Other Civil Petition

**SUM-100** 

# SUMMONS (CITACION JUDICIAL)

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: (AVISO AL DEMANDADO):

SHARP HEALTHCARE., a California Corporation; SHARP GROSSMONT HOSPITAL, and DOES 1-100 INCLUSIVE,

under:

YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF: (LO ESTÁ DEMANDANDO EL DEMANDANTE):

YOLANDA ALLEN; JENNIFER BAUM; RITA BAZZI; BRANDEE BONIEDOT; FARIN BRADY; [please see attachment]

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NOTICE! You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond within 30 days. Read the information below.

You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filling fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money, and property may be taken without further warning from the court.

There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Web site (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), or by contacting your local court or county bar association. NOTE: The court has a statutory lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of \$10,000 or more in a civil case. The court's lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the case. ¡AVISO! Lo han demandado. Si no responde dentro de 30 días, la corte puede decidir en su contra sin escuchar su versión. Lea la información a continuación.

Tiene 30 DÍAS DE CALENDARIO después de que le entreguen esta citación y papeles legales para presentar una respuesta por escrito en esta corte y hacer que se entregue una copia al demandante. Una carta o una llamada telefónica no lo protegen. Su respuesta por escrito tiene que estar en formato legal correcto si desea que procesen su caso en la corte. Es posible que haya un formulario que usted pueda usar para su respuesta. Puede encontrar estos formularios de la corte y más información en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California (www.sucorte.ca.gov), en la biblioteca de leyes de su condado o en la corte que le quede más cerca. Si no puede pagar la cuota de presentación, pida al secretario de la corte que le dé un formulario de exención de pago de cuotas. Si no presenta su respuesta a tiempo, puede perder el caso por incumplimiento y la corte le podrá quitar su sueldo, dinero y bienes sin más advertencia.

Hay otros requisitos legales. Es recomendable que llame a un abogado inmediatamente. Si no conoce a un abogado, puede llamar a un servicio de remisión a abogados. Si no puede pagar a un abogado, es posible que cumpla con los requisitos para obtener servicios legales gratuitos de un programa de servicios legales sin fines de lucro. Puede encontrar estos grupos sin fines de lucro en el sitio web de California Legal Services, (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California, (www.sucorte.ca.gov) o poniéndose en contacto con la corte o el colegio de abogados locales. AVISO: Por ley, la corte tiene derecho a reclamar las cuotas y los costos exentos por imponer un gravamen sobre cualquier recuperación de \$10,000 ó más de valor recibida mediante un acuerdo o una concesión de arbitraje en un caso de derecho civil. Tiene que pagar el gravamen de la corte antes de que la corte pueda desechar el caso.

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[SEAL]	NOTICE TO THE PERSON SERVED: You at 1 as an individual defendant. 2 as the person sued under the fictition	re served	
	3 on behalf of (specify):		

CCP 416.20 (defunct corporation)

CCP 416.40 (association or partnership)

CCP 416.10 (corporation)

other (specify):

by personal delivery on (date):

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CCP 416.60 (minor)

CCP 416.70 (conservatee)

CCP 416.90 (authorized person)

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE	
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14	YOLANDA ALLEN; JENNIFER BAUM; RITA BAZZI; BRANDEE BONIEDOT;	CASE NO:
15	FARIN BRADY; CASSIE BRESNAHAN;	COMPLAINT FOR DAMAGES FOR:
16	LISA BUCKLEY; SHEILA BUSH-CHILDS;	1) PREA CHI OF FURLICHA DAY DAYINA
	PATRICIA CASTILLO; TANEE CHAPPELL; MICHELE COLPITTS; REBECCA CORONA;	<ol> <li>BREACH OF FIDUCIARY DUTY</li> <li>INVASION OF PRIVACY –</li> </ol>
17	JENNIFER CREAGER; LAURA DELL; AMANDA DIEGO; SHARON EDELMAN;	INTRUSION INTO PRIVATE AFFAIRS
18	BETH FREE; TAISHA GAINES; KRISTEN	3) INVASION OF PRIVACY (Cal.
19	ll '	Const., Art. 1, § 1)
20	GONZALEZ; ELIZABETH GORAYEB; SARAH HALL; KAILA HODGES; KATIE	4) NEGLIGENCE 5) NEGLIGENT INFLICTION OF
21	HOLMES; HEIDI HOLT; JOLIE IBRAHIM; VANESSA JACOBY; MARVIE JOHANSON;	EMOTIONAL DISTRESS  6) UNLAWFUL RECORDING OF
22	CANDICE JONES; CASEY JORDAN;	CONDIFENTIAL
	CHRISTINE KELLEY; MARIAH LOPEZ;	INFORMATION (Pen. Code
23	MARTICELLA LUZ; TAMARA MARSHALL; TAWNY MORGAN;	<b>§§632, 637.2</b> )
24	SHANNAH MORRISON-SPAIN; VICTORIA	DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL
25	PAIPA; LAURA PERALES; JESSICA POPE; GABRIELA RANGEL DUPUIS; URSULA	
26	SANCHEZ; MELISSA SANTOS; ROCHELLE	
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1 2	YOUNG Plaintiffs,	)
3	VS.	)
4	SHARP HEALTHCARE., a California Corporation; SHARP GROSSMONT	)
5	HOSPITAL, and DOES 1-100 INCLUSIVE,	)
6	Defendants.	_)

Plaintiffs, by and through the undersigned counsel, hereby bring this Complaint for damages against Defendants, and allege the following:

# **INTRODUCTION**

- 1. From approximately July 17, 2012 to June 30, 2013, Defendants secretly operated hidden cameras in all three Labor and Delivery operating rooms at the Women's Center at Sharp Grossmont Hospital. The hidden cameras were programmed to record anytime motion was detected in the operating rooms. The hidden cameras recorded video images of births, including Caesarean births, birth complications, dilatation and curettage to resolve miscarriages, hysterectomies, sterilizations, and other medical procedures.
- 2. Sharp secretly recorded approximately 1,800 patients using these hidden cameras. In the words of a Sharp executive, "the video clips capture scenes within the three operating rooms, which are not open to the public. There are images contained within the multitude of images of women undergoing operations of a very personal, private nature, unconscious and in states of exposure depending on the operating being performed."
- 3. Sharp was grossly negligent in maintaining the recordings. The recordings were stored on desktop computers that could be accessed by multiple users, some without the need for a password. Sharp did not log or track who accessed the recordings, why, or when. Sharp destroyed at least half of the recordings but cannot say when or how it deleted those files and cannot confirm that it took the appropriate steps to ensure the files were not otherwise recoverable. Computers that stored the recordings were "refreshed" or replaced, and Sharp did not ensure proper deletion of recordings on those computers.

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4. Sharp has acknowledged patients' rights to privacy in the recordings, under the California Constitution and California law. Sharp violated their right to privacy and breached its fiduciary duty in the most egregious way by secretly recording them, allowing non-medical personnel to view the recordings without making any effort to track who was viewing them, and then destroying some of the recordings.

# **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

- 5. The Superior Court of California for the County of San Diego has jurisdiction over this matter because the allegations and claims herein arise under California common and statutory law.
- 6. Venue is proper in this Court pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure § 395(a). Defendant is a corporation organized under the laws of California and maintains its principal place of business in San Diego, California. Defendant regularly conducts business throughout California, including San Diego County, and a substantial portion of the harm caused by Defendant to Plaintiffs took place in San Diego County.

# **PARTIES**

- 7. Plaintiffs are women who had procedures including, but not limited to, delivery of babies, including Caesarean births, birth complications, dilatation and curettage to resolve miscarriages, hysterectomies, sterilizations, and other medical procedures during the time frame of July 17, 2012 to June 30, 2013. Plaintiffs' procedures occurred in one of three Labor and Delivery operating rooms at the Women's Center at Sharp Grossmont Hospital that contained hidden cameras placed there by the Defendants as set forth in greater detail herein.
- 8. Plaintiffs are informed and believe, and thereon allege, that they were secretly recorded by the aforementioned hidden cameras at Sharp Grossmont Hospital. Plaintiffs had reasonable expectations of privacy during their respective procedures and a reasonable expectation that Defendants would respect their privacy. None of the Plaintiffs consented at any time to Defendants' recording of their private moments and medical procedures, and would not have consented to any such recording.
  - 9. Defendant Sharp HealthCare is a corporation organized under the laws of California and

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maintains its principal place of business at 8695 Spectrum Center Boulevard, San Diego, CA 92123.

- 10. Defendant Sharp Grossmont Hospital is an affiliate of Sharp HealthCare that maintains its principal place of business at 5555 Grossmont Center Drive, La Mesa, CA 91942.
- 11. Plaintiffs are unaware of the true names or capacities of the Defendants sued herein under the fictitious names DOES 1-100 but pray for leave to amend and serve such fictitiously named Defendants once their names and capacities become known.
- 12. Plaintiffs are informed and believe, and based thereon allege, that each and all of the acts and omissions alleged herein were performed by, or are attributable to, Defendants and DOES 1-100 (collectively "Defendants"), each acting as the agent for the other, with legal authority to act on the other's behalf. The acts of any and all Defendants were in accordance with and represent the official policies of Defendant Sharp HealthCare.
- 13. Plaintiffs are informed and believe, and based thereon allege that, at all times herein mentioned, Defendants, and each of them, ratified each and every act or omission alleged herein. At all times herein mentioned, Defendants, and each of them, aided and abetted the acts and omissions of each and all the other Defendants in proximately causing the damages herein alleged.
- 14. Plaintiffs are informed and believe, and based thereon allege, that each of said Defendants is in some manner intentionally, negligently, or otherwise responsible for the acts, omissions, occurrences, and transactions alleged herein.

# FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

- 15. In July 2012, Defendants installed video cameras on the drug carts in the operating rooms in the Women's Center at Sharp Grossmont Hospital. The video cameras were installed on top of the drug carts and equipped with motion-detecting sensors that triggered them to begin recording whenever anyone entered the room and continue recording even after motion stopped.
- 16. Defendants claim that this secret video surveillance was necessary as part of their investigation into whether an employee was stealing the anesthesia drug propofol from drug carts in the operating rooms. Despite that claim, Defendants' cameras were set up to record when any person entered an operating room, to record a wide range of activity in the operating room beyond access to the drug cart, and to continue recording even after motion stopped.

- 17. Defendants recorded approximately 1,800 surgical procedures in the operating rooms between July 2012 and June 2013. These recordings show images of Defendants' female patients while they were in the operating rooms. The cameras captured images of patients entering the operating rooms, being moved onto surgery tables and exiting. Because of the angle and placement of the cameras, patients' faces were recorded, and the patients were identifiable. These recordings also show Defendants' female patients conscious and unconscious, partially robed on operating room tables, undergoing medical procedures and communicating with their doctors and medical personnel. Because of the nature of these procedures, the recordings captured women while they were emotionally and physically exposed, and at their most vulnerable. At times, Defendants' patients had their most sensitive genital areas visible.
- 18. These recordings contain matters of great sensitivity, going to the core of patients' privacy rights. Defendants recorded using hidden cameras in an area of Sharp Grossmont Hospital that is not open to the public. Entry into the operating room is limited to Defendants' employees and doctors who need to be there to perform medical procedures.
- 19. These recordings contain images of female patients and, sometimes, newly delivered babies with their doctors that Defendants allowed non-medical personnel and strangers to view and have access to view. Defendants did not log or track which employees accessed the recordings.
- 20. The patients did not consent to being recorded by Defendants during their medical procedures. Defendants have several policies that recognize and obligate them to respect the privacy of their patients. Defendants' violations of their own policies underscore the shocking and serious nature of their breach of patients' privacy. Defendants' Code of Conduct contains a "Standard of Behavior" for confidentiality that states that "Sharp HealthCare protects customers' confidentiality, privacy and modesty in all situations. We are sensitive to the personal nature of health care, and we do everything we can to earn the trust that others place in us."
- 21. According to Defendants' list of "Patient Rights," their patients have a right to "[f]ull consideration of privacy concerning their medical care program. Case discussion, examination, and treatment are confidential and should be conducted discreetly. [Patients] have to right to be advised as to the reason for the presence of any individual."

- 22. According to Defendants' list of "Patient Rights," their patients have a right to "[h]ave [their] personal privacy respected."
- 23. According to Defendants' list of "Patient Rights," their patients have a right to "[c]onfidential treatment of all communications and records pertaining to [their] care and stay in the hospital." Defendants promise their patients that "[w]ritten permission shall be obtained before medical records are made available to anyone not directly concerned with your care."
- 24. Defendants violated these rights by failing to disclose to their patients, including Plaintiffs, that a hidden camera was installed in the operating room recording their procedures, essentially inviting an unlimited number of individuals to view the private circumstances of patients' medical treatment. Defendants violated these rights further by allowing non-medical personnel, including security guards and attorneys, to view the recordings, without making any effort to log or track who viewed the recordings.
- 25. This action seeks damages for the Plaintiffs according to their individual proof, and not as part of a class action, for any and all harm they suffered as a result of being secretly and surreptitiously videotaped as set forth herein.
- 26. Plaintiffs further allege that the limitations period is tolled under principles of equitable tolling.

## FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

## **BREACH OF FIDUCIARY DUTY**

## (Against All Defendants)

- 27. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference and re-allege as if fully stated herein the allegations set out in the preceding paragraphs.
- 28. Defendants owed Plaintiffs a fiduciary duty to act with the utmost good faith in the best interests of Plaintiffs, and to act with reasonable care.
- 29. Defendants further owed a fiduciary duty to maintain inviolate the confidential information of Plaintiffs, including, but not limited to, confidential communications under California Evidence Code section 992.

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- 30. Defendants had information relating to Plaintiffs that they knew or should have known was confidential.
- 31. Defendants used Plaintiffs' confidential information for their own benefit in conducting an internal investigation or communicated their confidential information to third parties, all in violation of California Evidence Code section 994.
- 32. Plaintiffs were ignorant of Defendants' conduct, did not authorize their conduct, did not give informed consent, or were acting under duress.
  - 33. Plaintiffs' confidential information was not a matter of general knowledge.
  - 34. Plaintiffs placed trust and confidence in Defendants.
  - 35. Defendants were Plaintiffs' the healthcare providers.
- 36. Plaintiffs suffered harm, including but not limited to, suffering, anguish, fright, horror, nervousness, grief, anxiety, worry, shock, humiliation, embarrassment, shame, mortification, hurt feelings, disappointment, depression and feelings of powerlessness.
  - 37. Defendants' conduct was a substantial factor in causing Plaintiffs' harm.
- 38. Defendants' conduct as alleged above was despicable; it was conduct so vile, base, or contemptible that it would be looked down on and despised by reasonable people.
- 39. Defendants engaged in the conduct alleged above with malice, oppression, or fraud in that Defendants' conduct was done with a willful and knowing disregard of Plaintiffs' rights, Defendants' conduct subjected Plaintiffs to cruel and unjust hardship in knowing disregard of their rights, or Defendants intentionally concealed a material fact (the secret recording devices) and did so intending to harm Plaintiffs or in reckless disregard that such harm would result.
- 40. As a result, in addition to other remedies available, Plaintiffs may also recover damages to punish Defendants and deter future similar wrongful conduct.

# **SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION**

## INVASION OF PRIVACY – INTRUSION INTO PRIVATE AFFAIRS

## (Against All Defendants)

41. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference and re-allege as if fully stated herein the allegations set out in the preceding paragraphs.

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- 42. Plaintiffs had a reasonable expectation of privacy in the operating rooms of Sharp Grossmont Hospital's Women Center.
- 43. Plaintiffs also had a reasonable expectation of privacy that their communications with medical personnel and their medical procedures were not being video recorded.
- 44. Plaintiffs further had a reasonable expectation that their communications with medical personnel and their medical procedures were not being recorded by Sharp security personnel or by anyone not physically present in the operating room at the time of said communications and procedures.
- 45. Defendants intentionally intruded on Plaintiffs' privacy by installing recording devices in the operating rooms.
- 46. Defendants also intentionally intruded on Plaintiffs' privacy by recording Plaintiffs' confidential communications and medical procedures in the operating rooms of Sharp Grossmont Hospital's Women's Center.
- 47. Defendants additionally intentionally intruded on Plaintiffs' privacy by allowing third parties, including Defendants' security personnel and attorneys, to view the recordings of Plaintiffs.
- 48. Defendants further intentionally intruded on Plaintiffs' privacy by disclosing certain recordings of Plaintiffs to third parties during the course of an internal investigation.
- 49. In acting as alleged above, Defendants' violated Plaintiffs' privacy rights at a time when Plaintiffs were at their most vulnerable.
- 50. In acting as alleged above, Defendants' conduct was outrageous and motivated by a commercial interest in disregard of Plaintiffs' privacy rights.
- 51. Defendants' intrusion into Plaintiffs' privacy would be highly offensive to a reasonable person.
- 52. Plaintiffs suffered harm, including, but not limited to, suffering, anguish, fright, horror, nervousness, grief, anxiety, worry, shock, humiliation, embarrassment, shame, mortification, hurt feelings, disappointment, depression and feelings of powerlessness.
  - 53. Defendants' conduct was a substantial factor in causing Plaintiffs' harm.

# INVASION OF PRIVACY – CALIFORNIA CONST., ART. 1, § 1

(Against All Defendants)

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54. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference and re-allege as if fully stated herein the allegations set out in the preceding paragraphs.

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- personnel and their medical procedures were not being viewed or heard by Sharp security personnel or by anyone not physically present in the operating room at the time of said conversations, communications and procedures.
- 58. Defendants intentionally intruded on Plaintiffs' privacy by installing recording devices in the operating rooms.
- 59. Defendants also intentionally intruded on Plaintiffs' privacy by recording Plaintiffs' confidential communications and medical procedures in the operating rooms of Sharp Grossmont Hospital's Women's Center.
- 60. Defendants additionally intentionally intruded on Plaintiffs' privacy by allowing Defendants' security personnel to view the recordings of Plaintiffs.
- 61. Defendants further intentionally intruded on Plaintiffs' privacy by disclosing certain recordings of Plaintiffs to third parties during the course of an internal investigation.
- 62. In acting as alleged above, Defendants' violated Plaintiffs' privacy rights under Article I, section 1 of the California Constitution.
- 63. In acting as alleged above, Defendants' conduct was outrageous and motivated by a commercial interest in disregard of Plaintiffs' privacy rights.
- 64. Defendants' intrusion into Plaintiffs' privacy would be highly offensive to a reasonable person.

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79. Defendants further negligently intruded on Plaintiffs' privacy by disclosing certain recordings of Plaintiffs to third parties during the course of an internal investigation.

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80.	Plaintiffs suffered serious emotional distress, including, but not limited to, suffering
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- 81. The emotional distress suffered by Plaintiffs is such that an ordinary, reasonable person would be unable to cope with it.
  - 82. Defendants' conduct was a substantial factor in causing Plaintiffs' harm.

# SIXTH CAUSE OF ACTION

# UNLAWFUL RECORDING OF CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION (Pen. Code §§ 632, 637.3) (Against All Defendants)

- 83. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference and re-allege as if fully stated herein the allegations set out in the preceding paragraphs.
- 84. Defendants intentionally video recorded and/or eavesdropped on Plaintiffs' confidential communications and medical procedures in the operating rooms of Sharp Grossmont Hospital's Women Center by using an electronic device (hidden video cameras).
- 85. Plaintiffs had a reasonable expectation that their medical procedures were not being video recorded.
- 86. Plaintiffs had a reasonable expectation that their communications with medical personnel and their medical procedures were not being viewed by Sharp security personnel or by anyone not physically present in the operating room at the time of those procedures.
- 87. Defendants, by acting as herein alleged, unlawfully recorded confidential information of Plaintiffs and violated Plaintiffs' privacy rights in violation of California Penal Code §§ 632 & 637.2
- 88. Defendants did not have the consent of all parties to said conversations and communications to record them.
- 89. Plaintiffs suffered harm, including but not limited to, suffering, anguish, fright, horror, nervousness, grief, anxiety, worry, shock, humiliation, embarrassment, shame, mortification, hurt feelings, disappointment, depression and feelings of powerlessness. Plaintiffs are entitled to treble damages for such harm.

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